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## *U.S. Envoy Dismisses Allies' Criticism*

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LONDON, April 9—U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Jeane Kirkpatrick today dismissed British and French complaints about U.S.-supported mining of Nicaraguan ports as one-sided and uninformed.

Kirkpatrick, in London to address the Royal Institute of International Affairs, said in a television interview, "The Europeans have never been very expert in Latin America, in Central America. That they shouldn't share our perceptions doesn't bother me, doesn't surprise me."

"The war in Central America," she said, "...has already been escalated beyond the level our European and British friends are aware of." The guerrilla attacks in El Salvador during last month's elections "were directed by Nicaragua. ... I wonder, have compa-

table kinds of repudiation taken place" by European governments, she asked.

Nicaragua's leftist Sandinista government made public last week a letter from French Foreign Minister Claude Cheysson offering help in clearing the mines planted in Nicaraguan harbors by CIA-supported rebels. Britain has criticized the mining in diplomatic messages to the United States, a Foreign Office official confirmed yesterday. "We have made it known to the Americans that we are, shall we say, unhappy about the planting of mines," Undersecretary of State Ray Whitney said in a BBC radio interview.

Asked to comment on these objections, Kirkpatrick replied, "The United States government does not regard as helpful activities aimed only at one of the many kinds of violence in that area."